**Sugar Mills taken over by Government in 1978-79**

*422. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

*(a)* what are the names of the custodians of the 8 sugar mills taken ever by Government in 1978-79 and what is the tenure of their postings;

(b) whether there have been any charges of corruption|misappropriation| misuse of authority against any of these custodians;

(c) if so, what is the nature of the allegations made against them; and

(d) what is the progress with regard to the inquiry, if any, being conducted by Government into the allegations against the custodians and the agency conducting the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (d) Certain complaints regarding alleged malpractices, corruption etc. against some of the Custodians have been received from time to time. These complaints have been looked into by different agencies/officials of the Department and) appropriate action taken. Where the officers were borrowed from State Governments/Central Govt. Departments, they were reverted and concerned State Governments/Central Government Departments were asked to take suitable action against them. The matter is being pursued with the State Governments/Central Government Departments.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Factory | Name of the Custodians | Tenure | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | From | To | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | Ajudhia Sugar Mills, Raja-K-Sahaspur, Distt. Moradabad, U.P. | (i) Shri N.K. Jain<br>(ii) Shri N.C. Jain | 2-12-78<br>25-5-79 (A/N) | 25-5-79<br>todate | |
| 2 | Jijamata Sahkari Sakhar Karkhana, Shankarnagar Distt. Buldana, Maharashtra. | (i) Shri G.B. Jagtap<br>(ii) Shri M.N. Thakre<br>(iii) Shri D.N. Thute<br>(iv) Shri J.Y. Sonparote. | 26-12-78<br>6-12-80<br>9-2-81<br>26-6-84 | 14-11-80<br>8-2-81<br>25-6-84<br>to date | |
| 3 | Shri Keshoraipatan, Sahkari Sukhar Karkhana, Keshoraipatan, Distt. Bundi, Rajasthan | (i) Shri O.P. Bali<br>(ii) Shri S.P. Gupta<br>(iii) Shri B.P. Dhakka<br>(iv) Shri K.H. Rao | 26-12-78<br>18-11-79<br>11-1-81<br>17-6-82 | 17-11-79<br>10-1-81<br>16-6-82<br>todate | |
| 4 | Shree Sitaram Sugar Company, Baitalpur, Distt. Deoria, (U.P.) | (i) Shri P.R. Tripathi<br>(ii) Shri H.L. Srivastava<br>(iii) Shri Jagdoe Singh | 27-12-78<br>30-11-79<br>18-5-83 | 29-11-79<br>18-5-83<br>todate | |
| 5 | Deoria Sugar Mills, Deoria Distt., U.P. | (i) Shri P.R. Tripathi<br>(ii) Shri H.L. Srivastava<br>(iii) Shri Shrugan Sharma | 27-12-78<br>30-11-79<br>22-3-83 (vacant)* | 29-11-79<br>18-3-83<br>31-10-84 | *There is no regular Custodian in this mill since 1-11-84. However, Custodian Shree |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Sitaram Sugar Mills. |
| 6. | Rai Bahadur Narain Singh Sugar Mills, Lhaksar, U.P. | (i) Shri A.K. Bit | 2-2-79 | 25-6-79 | |
| | | (ii) Shri K.K. Lal | 26-6-79 | 20-7-79 | |
| | | (iii) Shri A.K. Bit | 21-7-79 | 3-9-79 | |
| | | (iv) Shri S.B. Chauhan | 4-9-79 | 17-11-79 | |
| | | (v) Shri J.S. Mehta | 18-11-79 | 12-5-80 | |
| | | (vi) Shri K.K. Gupta | 13-5-80 | 20-6-82 | Expired |
| | | (vii) Shri B.K. Singh | 7-8-82 | 18-8-83 | |
| | | (viii) Shri B.K. Gupta | 19-8-83 | 11-8-84 | Expired. |
| | | | *(Vacant) | | *There is no regular Custodian in this mill since 12-8-84; only temporary arrangements have been made. |
| 7. | Cauvery Sugar & Chemicals Pettaivaytalai Distt. Trichy, Tamil Nadu. | (i) Shri E. Venkatachalam | 7-2-79 | 31-5-83 | |
| | | (ii) Shri P. Santhalingam | 1-6-83 | todate | |
| 8. | Seksaria Sugar Mills, P.O. Babhnan, Distt. Gonda, U.P. | (i) Shri Jagdish Singh | 13-3-79 | 18-12-79 | |
| | | (ii) Shri Ragubir Singh | 19-12-79 | 2-3-83 | |
| | | (iii) Shri Balbir Singh Yadav. | 18-3-83 | todate | |

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : माननीय मंत्री जी के उत्तर से संबन्धित । स्टेट गवर्नमेंट और सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट के एम्पलाईज जिनके खिलाफ शिकायतें थीं उनको आपने रिवर्ट किया और एप्रोप्रिएट एक्शन लिया, यह आपने उत्तर में बताया है । अब आप कृपया यह बतलायें कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट और सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट के वे कौन-कौन अधिकारी थे और उनके खिलाफ क्या एक्शन लिया गया ?

दूसरे, क्या जांच अभी भी चल रही है और जांच सी० बी० आई० कर रही है या कोई विभाग कर रहा है और उसकी प्रगति क्या है , किस स्टेज पर वह पहुंच चुकी हैं ? तीसरे, क्या यह सही है कि ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ths is your second supplementary, I think. All right, all right.

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : पार्ट सी है । प्रश्न है कि जो एच० के० एम० श्रीवास्तव और श्री बी० के० सिंह ने किया, यह जाहिर है कि उनके खिलाफ शिकायतें डिपार्टमेंट को थीं, गंभीर शिकायतें थीं जो सी० बी० आई० को भेज दी गई, लेकिन जिस दिन उन्होंने इस्तीफा दिया उसके अगले दिन या दूसरे दिन वह इस्तीफा मंजूर कर लिया गया , क्या यह सही है ?

**राव वीरेन्द्र सिंह** : आठ मिलें हैं जिनमें किसी किसी मिल में आठ बार कस्टोडियन तबदील हो चुके है । तो किसी एक मिल के मुताल्लिक अगर आप पूछ तो मैं जवाब दे दूं । सब के बारे में आपने पूछा है । आठ मिल हैं और दर्जनों

कस्टोडियन उनमें लगे हैं, कहीं स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से, कहीं सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट से । कोई स्पैसिफिक बात आप पूछें तो मैं बता दूंगा किसी मिल के मुताल्लिक । लेकिन बहुत मामलों में इनक्वायरी चल रही है, पेंडिंग है, बहुत से मामलों में ।

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Sir, I seek your protection. I have put a specific question to the honourable Minister. I have asked which of the State and Central Government employees you have reverted and what action you have taken. You have said that appropriate action was taken. What appropriate action has been taken?

क्या उन्होंने इस्तीफा दिया था और

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH; If you want, I will read out the details to yon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. He mentioned two names and asked why their resignations were accepted immediately. That I is the question which he was specifically putting to you.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: Against whom?

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Against those

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : उन्होंने अपने उत्तर में कहा है कि एप्रोप्रियेट एक्शन लिया है ।

What appropriate action have you taken so far?

यह तो मेरा स्पेसिफिक क्वेश्चन है

whom you have reverted to the respective State Governments and Central Government Departments

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am putting the questions one by one.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: With regard to Mr. Srivastava, Sir, he was the Custodian of Deoria Sugar Mills, Sir, the enquiries made revealed that the amount of embezzlement was fully re covered and the Custodian let off the defaulting officers. This was the charge. The Custodian was severally warned for this act. A copy of the order was semt to the U.P. Government for recording it in his Confidential Report. Th?t was the punishment awarded. I have no information about the, resignation from this officer. He belongs to the U.P. Government and, after reversion to the U.P. Government I do not know whether he resigned or his resignation was accepted. We did not accept the resignation. He belonged to U.P.

MR, CHAIRMAN: There is one more question: whom have you reverted to the State Government service?

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Is it the appropriate action? Is reversion appropriate action?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: No. Not at all. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is the convention in the House that the Minister answers question. Other Members should not answer questions. *(Intrrntptionx)* Have you any information?

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH; Since you have allowed, Sir, I will have to given information about each mill. In 8 Mills several officers have been . ,

MR. CHAIRMAN: You just give the names of a few. A few names will be all right.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: In the case of Keshcraipatan Mills, the officer belonged to the Rajasthan Government. His name was Mr. B. P. Dhakka. He was reverted.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: It is given in the answer.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: I am replying to all this. In Deoria Sugar Mills the officer belonged to U.P. Government. His name was Srivastava. As I have

already stated, then there was another officer Shatnighan Sharma. He was also repatriated to the State.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The others you can give in the second supplementary. (*interruptions).*

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: If you are satisfied with his answer, I have no complaint to make. Second supplementary.

श्रीमन्, मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करें कि सन् 1978-79 में इस फैक्टरी को सरकार ने लिया था इस वजह से कि यह फैक्टरी सिक है। यह सब मेरे पास रिपोर्ट मौजूद हैं। आपने अपने जो उत्तर दिए हैं लोक सभा में या यहां वह मेरे पास हैं। क्या यह सही नहीं है कि जितनी सिक यह उस वक्त थी इसकी रिकवरी भी उससे गिरी है इसके लासेज भी काफी बढे हैं अर्थात् यह पहले से ज्यादा सिक है? राजा का साहसपुर जो है वहां पर एक ही कस्टोडियन लगातार रखा हुआ है क्योंकि वह इनके चहेते हैं। वे हफ्ते में तीन दिन यहां रहते हैं। मैं आपके जरिए यह प्रश्न पूछना चाहता हूं कि जो फैक्टरियां ली गई थीं उनमें 35 करोड़ रुपया जो कि इनकी कीमत है उससे चार पांच गुना सरकार का कर्जा है, इंडस्ट्रियल फाइनेंस कारपोरेशन का कर्जा है, बैंकों का कर्जा है वह भी किसी ने नहीं लौटाया। यह भी शिकायत है कि 25 हजार रुपये प्रत्येक सिक मिल इसके कस्टोडियन जनरल के लिए प्रतिमाह यहां देती है और हालत दिन प्रतिदन बिगडती जा रही है।

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: Sir, I hav$_e$ no information with regard to the allegation of corruption on somebody's part which the hon. Member has referred to. if he gives any specific information or makes a complaint, we shall certainly enquire into it. Sir, we have never claimed that this taking over of mills temporarily has been a very happy experience. But they were taken over in 1978 and 1979 by the then Janata Party Government and it was in the interest of the farmers of the area and the workers.

**श्री वीरेंद्र वर्मा** : मैं तो कहता हूं लिया तो उसको ठीक लिया।

**MR. CHAIRMAN**: Mr. Minister, the Government is continuous, whoever took over.

**श्री राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह** : हम तो कहते हैं लिया तो उस वक्त ठीक नहीं लिया।

It is because the Government is continuous that we arc holding this baby. But I do not agree with the hon. Member that all these mills have not been working better than what they were doing at the time of takeover. Some of them have evQn started making profits. Some have done better ir the previous years. Out of these 8 mills, we have decided to return 3 mills to the owners. The other 5 mills are not still in *a* very good condiiion As T said, the money that has been spent by the Government on maintaining and operating them was in the interest of the canei grower; and the workers in the mills. We have been extending the time of takeover. Initially, they were taken over for 3 years Then we extended the period by another 3 years. Now we have done it for one more year. That period would soon be expiring and we are thinking of returning all these mills to their managements.

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : मैं प्रश्न नहीं पूछता। मैं एक बात आप से कहना चाहता हूं कि मैं इनके उत्तर से बिल्कुल सैटिसफाई नहीं हूं और आप भी नहीं होंगे...

MR. CHAIRMAN: If the Member is not satisfied with the answer, he can ask. for a Half-An-Hour-Discussion which I shall du'y consider.

**श्री शांति त्यागी** : माननीय सभापति जी, देश के जितने सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उद्योग हैं या जो राज्य सरकार अथवा केन्द्र ने टेकओवर किये हैं लोग उनसे यह उम्मीद करते हैं कि उनका संचालन उनका उत्पादन, उनके कर्मचारियों की दशा दूसरी प्राइवेट मिलों से अच्छी होगी। लेकिन केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा चलाई जाने

वाली चीनी मिलों की हालत भी सन्तोषजनक नहीं है । मैं मंत्री जी से एक छोटा सा प्रश्न करना चाहता हूं वह यह है कि यह जो 8 चीनी मिलें हैं उन पर किसानों के गन्ने का कितना पैसा बकाया है और आप उसे कब तक पूरा दे देंगे और जब अदा करेंगे तो क्या उसके ऊपर कुछ सूद भी आप किसानों को देंगे ? यह प्रश्न मैं जानना चाहता हूं ।

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह** : यह सवाल तो इसमें पूछा नहीं गया था लेकिन जहां तक मेरी याददाश्त है इन आठ मिलों के किसानों के गन्ने का करीब-करीब सारा अदा कर दिया गया है । कोई एरियर नहीं है । अगर है तो बहुत थोड़ा होगा । मिल को सरकार ने लिया तो इस मकसद से लिया कि गन्ने का पैसा किसानों का बकाया न रहे ।

**श्री शांति त्यागी** : और सूद देंगे या नहीं

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह** : जब पैसा ही बकाया नहीं है तो सूद कहां से आयेगा ।

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने स्टेटमेंट में प्रश्न 'ख' का जवाब नहीं दिया । अभी पूछने से इनका यह कहना होगा कि लम्बी स्टेटमेंट दे सकता हूं । लेकिन वास्तविक स्थिति में सरकार यदि उनके विरुद्ध आरोपों की कोई जांच करवा रही है तो उसमें क्या प्रगति हुई है और जांच किस अधिकरण द्वारा कराई जा रही है, इसका जवाब न लिखित में और न मौखिक उत्तर में दिया गया । पहला सवाल तो यह है कि इसका बेसिक जवाब दीजिए और दूसरा सवाल यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि इसमें से पांच मिलें उत्तर प्रदेश की हैं और इन पांच मिलों की स्थिति खराब है । इसकी रिकवरी भी हिन्दुस्तान की जितनी और मिलें हैं उनसे बहुत कम है वैसे भी आपने इसमें शत्रुघन शर्मा और श्रीवास्तव का नाम लिया है जो फक्टरी का अभिरक्षण करते हैं, मैं सीधे शब्दों में पूछना चाहता हूं कि इन उत्तर प्रदेशों के मिलों की स्थित सुधरे, रिकवरी बढ़े और जो अफसर गड़बड़ी कर रहे हैं उसमें सुधार हो, मिलों को मिक से आराम मिले, इसके लिये आप क्या व्यवस्था कर रहे हैं ? कोई नीति आपकी है इसमें सुधार लाने के लिये और रिकवरी को ठीक करने के लिये ?

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह** : चेयरमैन साहब, मैंने जैसा पहले कहा कि सबसे पहली बात यह है कि किसानों को गन्ने की कीमत दी जाए और जो वर्कर्स हैं इन मिलों के वे काम करते रहें, इनको अलग न किया जाए, वे बेकार न हो जाएं...और जैसा मैंने कहा, अब सही इत्तिला मेरे पास आ गई है । सन 1984-85 के साल में, गन्ने का अभी जो साल चल रहा है, इस साल में एक पैसा भी गन्ना किसानों का नहीं है, सारा का सारा पेमेन्ट हो गया है ।

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : यह तो आपने पहले ही बता दिया है ।

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह** : मैं फिर से इसको पक्का कर रहा हूं । जैसा मैंने पहले अर्ज किया, खुद हमें संतोष नहीं है कि जो इन्क्वायरियां हुई, उनमें एक्शन लिया गया, लेकिन कहीं वह एक्शन काफी नहीं था । जो सजाएं मिलीं वे मिल चुकी । कुछ लोगों को थोड़ी-थोड़ी सजाएं मिली । कुछ को स्टेट गवर्नमेंट के पास रिवर्ट कर दिया गया और जो सेन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट के थे उनको सेन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट के पास वापस भेज दिया गया । यह भी देखने में आया है कि जिन अफसरों की गलती थी और जो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट के पास वापस चले गये थे, उनसे अब तक पूछताछ हो रही है । हम स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से सम्पर्क कायम रखे हुए हैं । जो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट के अफसर थे उनको रिपेट्रिएट कर दिया गया । उनके खिलाफ हमारी रिपोर्ट पर स्टेट गवर्नमेंट एक्शन लेगी । लेकिन हम देख रहे हैं कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट बहुत से अफसरों के खिलाफ एक्शन लेने में ढील कर रही है । उनके लिए हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि जल्दी कार्यवाही खत्म हो जाये ।

यह भी फैसला किया गया है कि इन सारे जांच-पड़ताल के मामलों को फिर से देखा जाये । इसके लिए हम एक स्पेशल अफसर की ड्यूटी लगा रहे हैं और उसके लिए टाइम मुकर्रर कर रहे हैं कि अगले एक दो महीने के अन्दर-अन्दर सारी रिपोर्ट मुझे दें । कौन-सी इन्क्वायरी में देर हुई है, किस का कसूर है और अगर इन्क्वायरी अफसर ने ठीक रिपोर्ट नहीं दी है तो उसके खिलाफ एक्शन लिया गया है या नहीं, इन सारी चीजों को दुबारा देखा जाय, ऐसी हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं । हमें उम्मीद है कि जहां कमी रही है उसको हम पूरा करेंगे ।

**श्री कल्पनाथ राय** : क्या सरकार यह बतलाने की कृपा करेगी कि ये जो आठ मिलें हैं और जो कस्टोडियन के अन्तर्गत काम कर रही हैं उनकी जितनी रिकवरी होती है वह रिकवरी कम दिखलाई जाती है और कम रिकवरी दिखलाने के कारण... (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant. This is with regard to taken over mills. You are taking about recovery.

**श्री कल्पनाथ राय** : श्रीमन, करप्शन कैसे दूर होगा ? मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जितनी रिकवरी होती है वह कस्टोडियन के द्वारा कम दिखलाई जाती है और क्या उसके परिणामस्वरूप करोड़ों रुपये की चीनी ब्लैक मार्केट में बेची जाती है ? क्या इन बातों की सरकार को जानकारी है ? क्या सरकार यह बताएगी कि क्या कारण है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की चीनी मिलों की रिकवरी हिन्दुस्तान की अन्य मिलों के मुकाबले सबसे कम है ?

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH : The question of the hon. Member with regard to all UP mills is a general one, Sir. But I can reply to it if you so desire. Uttar Pradesh has a low recovery and there is no doubt about it. But that is on account of various factors. Sugarcane yield is also very low. As against the 56 tonnes per hectare average yield in the country, UP produced only about 45 tonnes per hectare, and the quality of cane in UP also is not very good. The latest variety of seed have not been used in very large parts of UP. But there are also other factors. Agro-climatk conditions in UP are not so good as, for instance, in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other places where the recovery is high. But the main reason is that UP's mills are very old. They are not efficient. And they have not been modernised. UP has the largest number of mills in the country. UP also has the largest area under sugarcane. Some of these mills were established long ago, in the 30s. Some of these mills that have been taken over are also as old as 40 or 50 years. So, this is one reasons apart from the fact that the sugarcane grown in UP is not very good. The mills are also very old and inefficient. We have been trying to modernise them. We also have a Sugar Development Fund which gives assistance to help these mills to modernise if they want to take financial assistance from the Central Government. They can also ask for financial assistance from the financial institutions. But all this is a very large question and the hon. Members would appreciate that this is not on account of only these seven or eight taken over mills in U.P. that the sugarcane production in U.P, is low or that the other mills have not been attended to for modernisation.

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : Sir, from the statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha it appears that the tenure of the custodians has been different in different mills. For example, in one mill, mill No. 6, in the course of five years, eight custodians have been changed. In two mills four custodians have come and gone and in three mills, three each. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister (I) whether there is a fixed tenure for the custodians, and if there is a fixed tenure, then how is it that Mr. N. C. Jain of the Ajodhya Sugar Mills, Moradabad, is continuing since 1979 up to date, and (2) how is it that in Rai Bahadur Narain Singh Sugar Mills, Laskar, four custodians were changed in 1979 after a tenure of one to two months each? What were the charges against these people?

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH; Sir, we arc

facing genuine difficulties in finding good officers to be appointed as custodian because it is not everybody who can be appointed custodian of a sugar mill. The man must be experienced. He must have the knowledge of the working of a mill. That is why we had been requesting the State Governments where the mills are located, to give us officers on deputation. Sometimes the officers themselevs want to revert. Sometimes, on complaint's we have sent them back to the State Governments. In the case of this Rai Bahadur Narain Singh Sugar Mill of Laskar, out of thss;-eight,—-two died, one while in service and the other after termination of services. Against others there were complaints and they were repatriated to the States. As I hae already 'said myself there is a very large number of custodians. Their turnover has been quick in some cases and that is one reason why these mills probably did not do so well as they were expected to do with the amount that the Government has been spending. There must be some continuity for a person to look after a mill. This officer in the Ajo-dhya Sugar Mill has been continuing for about six years. There is no fixed tenure for custodians because, as I said initially, these mills were taken over only for a period of three years. So, the period was supposed to be three years for posting, because the mills had to be returned back to them after three years, but later on when the period of take over was extended, in some cases the period of appointment, of posting, of the custodian was also extended and where we have not found anything wrong with a custodian, anything seriously wrong with a custodian, no complaints have been proved, he has been allowed to continue. In other cases we have repatriated them back to the States. *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have spent 20 minutes on this question. Therefore we will go to the next question, Question No. 443.

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : सभापति महोदय, मैं देवरिया जिले का रहने वाला हूँ . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, I cannot allow, We have already spent 20 minutes. *(Interruptions).* Nothing will go on record. Will you please sit down? Question No. 443.

**Fresh Norms for Aassistance to drought Prone area-.**

*443. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact 'that Government propose to set up a committee to work out fresh norms for assistance to drought prone areas in the country;

(b) what is the likely composition of the committee;

(c) by when the committee is expected to submit its report; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the existing norms are insufficient to provide relief to the needy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

No Committee has been set up to wcrfa out fresh norms for assistance to drought prone areas in the country. It is presumed that the hon'ble member has in mind the question of revision of norms of assistance for drought relief. For the purpose of review and revision of norms of assistance for disaster relief including droughts, an inter-ministerial committee with the following composition has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on 28th May,, 1985.

1. Secretary (A&C) . Ghairman 3.
Additional Sfcrctary(S) . Member
3. Additional Secretary,, Rural Developtnenfl . . . Do.1
4. Joint Secretary (Plan Finance) . . Do.
5. Joint Secretary (Planning Oomm.)